

would just move the adoption of this amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labeledz, your light is on. Do you want to speak on the Coordsen amendment? Senator Hefner, on the amendment. Thank you. Senator Morrissey, on the amendment.

SENATOR MORRISSEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members, simply to support Senator Coordsen in his effort because I don't want to speak to any dealing that went on in advance. As Senator Coordsen said, this took place, this was written up in his office and it is what he thinks is fair. I, of course, thought Senator Lindsay's amendment was more fair, but I will support Senator Coordsen in his effort because I would again remind you, folks, the unemployment is spent wherever the citizen lives. The cost to business is there, but they do get a lot of it back. The money goes right to the unemployed person, right out the door to the grocery store, to the gas station, to the other local businesses, strictly to get by. It is not excessive, it is fair and just and we've got a lot of people, a lot of people in this state that are employed by seasonal businesses and that's just a fact of life, that's a fact of life. Construction employs a lot of people and a lot of the business in this state is seasonal. And if you want to help those folks bridge that gap between the time they are working to the time they get laid off and start working again, you'll support Senator Coordsen's effort and I want you to think...I know a lot of people, sometimes in the committee hearing we had it brought up that, well, these folks, get your unemployment too high, these folks simply have no incentive to go to work, and I know that could happen from time to time, but I just know too many people, too many married people, young married couples with children that the husband goes across state, across many states, goes to Iowa, goes to Wyoming, goes to Louisiana, goes to Washington state to work to keep the extra dollars coming in when they could simply set home and draw unemployment. So that is a statement to me, to get up and leave your family for months at a time just so you can get the few extra dollars that you get on continuing a job as opposed to drawing unemployment, to me that is a statement of what our funds, what kind of shape our funds are in, so I would ask you all to support Senator Coordsen's amendment.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, on the Coordsen amendment.